Q.—266. **Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY** (Gauribidanur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government appointed a Committee to look into the affairs of the Bangalore Race Club ; if so, when and whether the Committee have submitted a report ;

(*b*) what are the recommendations of the Committee ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that one of the recommendations was that the Chief Minister should be made the Vice-Patron ; if so, whether the Club refused to accept this recommendation;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister requested His Highness the Maharaja not to continue Sri P. Medapa (Retired Chief Justice) as his nominee in the Race Club ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that Sri S. V. Subramanyam and Brigadier Hill were nominated as Stewards or as members of the Managing Committee of the Club ;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that Sri S. V. Subramanyam is a race horse owner and also a punter ;

(*g*) whether the Government of Mysore have paid entrance and annual subscription fees out of Government funds for their nominees to the Club ; if so, whether there is any precedent for such payment ;

(*h*) whether the Government are aware that in the Royal Western Indian Turf of Bombay and Turf Club of Madras, the Government nominees have no power to vote and do not pay any subscription ?

A.—**Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA** (Minister for Home).—

(*a*) Yes ; the Committee constituted by Government in G.O. No. H.A. 2749-58—Pol. 376-53-6, dated 27th August 1954 submitted its report on 11th February 1955.

(*b*) Copies of the Report have already been distributed to the Members of the Legislature.

(*c*) The Committee recommended that the Chief Minister should be invited to become the Vice-Patron of the Club.

There is no difference between the recommendation of the Committee and the existing rule 7 which says that the Head of the Administration in Mysore and the General Officer commanding, Madras Area, will be invited to become Vice-Patrons of the Club.

(*d*) Information is not readily available.

(*e*) Sri S. V. Subramanyam has been nominated as Steward by His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore. Brig. Hill has been nominated by Government as a Committee Member.

(*f*) Government are not aware of it.

(*g*) As per G.O. No. Ch. S. 4122-24—Misc. 37-54-1, dated 23rd June 1954, the entrance and subscription fees of Government nominees from 1953-54 to 1956-57 have been debited to Government and adjusted out of the betting tax payable to Government.

(*h*) No.

Q.—267. **Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY** (Gauribidanur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government sponsored one Sri B. Narayanaswamy who was a Sub-Division Officer in Ramanagaram for appointment in some capacity or other in the Bangalore Race Club ; if so, when and in what capacity and under what terms ;

(*b*) what was his pay when he was S.D.O. at Ramanagaram and whether the Club was asked to pay him Rs. 600 towards his salary, Rs. 150 towards his car allowance, Rs. 150 towards pensionary contribution and Rs. 70 towards peons' allowance ;

(*c*) whether the said Sri B. Narayanaswamy passed an award in favour of Sri V. Nanjappa for a sum of Rs. 37,000 and odd for the acquisition of Mattedoddi lands ; if so, when ?

A.—**Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA** (Minister for Home).—

(*a*) Yes : on 12th May 1955 as Special Officer, in connection with the administration of the Race Club.

The following terms were specified and orders issued :—

> Pay at Rs. 600 per mensem; Conveyance allowance at Rs. 150 per mensem; Allowance at Rs. 75 per mensem for servants and a contribution towards pension and leave allowances at the rate of Rs. 125 per mensem recoverable from the Club.

(*b*) His pay as Sub-Division Officer, Ramanagaram, was Rs. 500 per mensem.

Vide answer to (*a*) above.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Q.—268. **Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY** (Gauribidanur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Gymkhana Races were run in Mysore in 1954 or 1955 ; if so, who had applied for licence ;

(*b*) in whose favour the licence was issued and under what terms ;

(*c*) whether a copy of the licence will be placed on the Table of the House ;

(*d*) whether any licence fee was levied; if so, what was the amount paid by the licensee;

(*e*) what was the licence fee levied before or after January of the year of licence generally ;

(*f*) whether there is any provision for granting exemption from the levy of licence fees in the case of racing ?

A.—**Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA** (Minister for Home).—

(*a*) Yes, in 1955. Huzur Secretary to His Highness.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*). The Palace authorities requested the Government to permit Gymkhana Races to be run by them just to encourage sports and provide some entertainment during Dasara. Hence, permission was granted to the Huzur Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore to run the said races only at the Mysore Race Course during Dasara Season, 1955. The Licence fee was waived.

(*e*) Licence fee is Rs. 3,000. If the application is not made within the specific period, the fee shall be Rs. 6,000.

(*f*) Exemption was granted as the Palace authorities wanted to conduct Gymkhana Races only and not regular races.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Before supplementaries are put, I want your permission to make a very short statement on this subject. Probably it will facilitate the asking of supplementaries by Hon'ble Members.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Yes.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Sir, with your permission, I desire to supplement the answers given to these questions by a short statement so that Hon'ble Members may get a clear picture of the affairs of the Race Club which have been figuring somewhat prominently in the debates during the past few days.

Hon'ble Members will doubtless remember that some two years ago considerable criticism was levelled in this House about the way the affairs of the Race Club were being managed and also the manner in which the Races were being run. In response to that criticism Government set up a Committee to go into the whole question. Members of the Assembly and the Council were also represented on the Committee. The Race Club was requested to nominate two representatives to serve on the Committee. The report of the Committee had been distributed to Hon'ble Members of this House some time ago and I do not want to take up the time of the House by detailing the findings or the recommendations of the Committee. But, at this stage, I may mention that of the two representatives of the Race Club, one did not at all attend the meetings and the other refused to participate on the ground that he had no authority of the Race Club to do so and merely dissented from the findings. Also information asked for from the Club was not forthcoming to the Committee.

Whatever that may be, Government accepted all the recommendations of the Committee and wrote to the Club in February 1955 requesting them to